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RESPONSE TO LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2001 HOLDING DECISION ON
PETITION IN ABEYANCE

APPLICANT: Ralf HAFFERBECK et al. DOCKET NO: P00,1277
SERIAL NO.: 09/826,357 ART UNIT:
FILED: June 14, 2000 EXAMINER:
TITLE: ATM SWITCHING EQUIPMENT HAVING A SWITCHING NETWORK

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This reply is responsive to the letter dated September 10, 2001 holding the decision on the petition in abeyance (hereinafter "hold letter").

In the hold letter, the Office indicated that the two figures for the above-identified case had not been received and that a statement would be required indicating that the two figures were, in fact, submitted with the original filing on June 14, 2000. The hold letter also indicated that the two figures would have to be submitted with this response.

Applicants herewith submit the two figures that were originally filed with this application on June 14, 2000.

As the clients' representative, I, Mark Bergner, hereby declare that counsel's file indicates that the drawings of Figures 1 and 2 were filed on June 14, 2000.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

In addition, Applicants draw the attention of the reviewer to the copy of the Petition submitted on May 11, 2001 which included, as an attachment, the application, as originally filed, with Figures 1 and 2. The Petition also included a copy of the Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" originally submitted, identifying the application "consisting of specification, claims, 2 sheets of informal drawings...", the originally submitted letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c) identifying "the attached application with 4 claims, 2 sheets of informal drawings...", and the originally submitted transmittal letter that indicates, under item 2, that 2 pages of drawings were included in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 113 (and also identifying the aforementioned 37 CFR 1.41(c) letter).

Applicants believe that all requirements have been met with this petition, and respectfully request that the petition be granted.

It is believed that no additional fee is required for this response; however, if the Commissioner finds that an additional fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to account no. 50-1519.

Respectfully submitted,

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